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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/623,153	Applicant(s) THIES ET AL.	
	Examiner Cynthia Hamilton	Art Unit 1752	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 April 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14, 16-18, 20-24 and 27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14, 17-18, 20-24, 27 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamura et al (WO 00/63272 A1). The compositions set forth in claim 3 of Yamamura et al wherein the choice of glycidyl group compound is made as always a glycidyl ether compound and is a selection such as that set forth in the table on page 44 make obvious the instant compositions in view of the components of claim 3 of Yamamura because of the overlap of percentages for the specific compounds and the disclosure of a composition with ranges within except for instant component A the claimed invention. The closeness of 30% to 29% in Example 8 of Yamamura et al makes obvious such a close variance of from 30% to 29%. Claim 16 is compared to claim 3 of Yamamura in the table below:

Instant claim 16	Yamamura et al claim 3	Instant claim 16 Overlap if Yamamura wants 100 parts total as found in table on page 44
1-29wt% oxetane compound	(A) 5-80 parts by wt oxetane compound	1-29 wt%
10-85wt% glycidyl ether	(B) 5-80 parts by wt of glycidyl group epoxy compound (one choice of two)	10-80 wt% and all examples of glycidyl given in Table on page 44 are glycidyl ether compounds
1-25wt% multifunctional acrylate compound	0-45 parts by wt of ethylenically unsaturated monomer	1-25wt% of ethylenically unsaturated compound used with only example on page 44 being multifunctional acrylate compound
Radical photoinitiator present	0-10 parts by wt of radical	When present

	photopolymerization initiator	
Cationic photoinitiator present	0.1 to 10 parts by weight of photoacid generator	Total overlap

In the case where the claimed ranges “overlap or lie inside ranges disclosed by the prior art” a *prima facie* case of obviousness exists. *In re Werthheim*, 541 F.2d 257, 191 USPQ 90 (CCPA 1976); *In re Woodruff*, 919 F.2d 1575, 16 UAPQ2d 1934 (Fed. Cir. 1990). See particularly MPEP 2144.05. The instant invention of claim 16 in no manner limits the amount of ester groups in cationic compounds present, thus there is no limit to the presence of such as found in Yamamura et al. Applicants have presented no arguments with respect to claim 16. This rejection stands with the added clarification made of record to allow applicants to determine more readily what action to take if they decide not to cancel claim 16.

2. Claims 1-14, 17, 18, 20-24 and 27 are allowed. Applicants’ amendment to claim 1 removes the issue of Yamamura et al and example 8. Applicant’s amendment to claim 14 clarifying the issue of “ster” makes clear that 30 parts of 3,4-epoxycyclohexylmethyl-3',4'-epoxycyclohexanecarboxylate as used by Yamamura in their Example 8 is much higher than the limit of 25.33 wt% the same when considering the as 100 meq of ester linkages /100 grams of the instant composition is much lower. With respect to claims 17-18, the examiner notes that she did not fully appreciate that A was 0-25 wt % and not 0-29% as found in claim 1 before amendment.

3. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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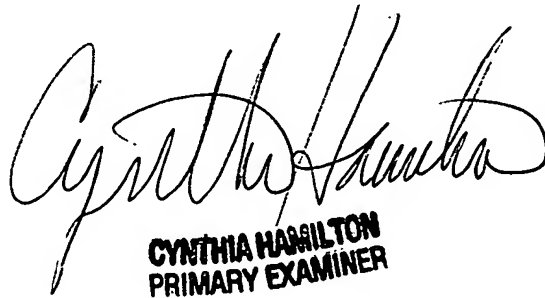
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cynthia Hamilton whose telephone number is 571-272-1331. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cynthia H. Kelly can be reached on (571) 272-0729. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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June 9, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia Hamilton', is written over a rectangular stamp.

Cynthia Hamilton
Primary Examiner
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